

**Amendments in the Claims:** (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1. An article of clothing combination comprising:

a bikini top including;

5 a first panel and a second panel, each of said first and second panels  
having a generally triangular shape adapted for being positioned  
over and substantially covering a breast, each of said first and  
second panels having a peripheral edge including an upper edge,  
an inner corner and an outer corner, said inner corners being  
10 directed toward each other when each of said panels is positioned  
on a breast;  
a first strap being elongated and having a first end and a second end, said  
first strap extending through said first panel, said first end of said  
of said first strap extending into said outer corner of said first panel  
15 and outwardly of said inner corner, said first end of said first strap  
extending into said inner corner of said first panel and outwardly  
of said upper edge such that an inner loop formed by said first  
strap extends away from said inner corner of said first panel;  
a second strap being elongated and having a first end and a second end,  
20 said second strap extending through said second panel, said first  
and second straps being looped together such that said first panel is  
attached to said second panel, said first and second straps forming  
arm openings, said first end of said second strap extending into  
said outer corner of said second panel and outwardly of said inner  
25 corner and through said inner loop, said first end of said second  
strap extending into said inner corner of said second panel and  
outwardly of said upper edge of said second panel, each of said  
second ends of said first and second straps comprising a terminal  
loop, wherein each of said first ends may be extended through one  
30 of said terminal loops to form said arm receiving openings;

a bikini bottom including;

a third panel having a front edge, a back edge, a first side edge and a second side edge; and  
a third strap being elongated and having a first end and a second end, said third strap extending into said front and back edges so that leg openings are formed between said third strap and each of said first and second side edges.

Claim 2 and 3 (cancelled)

10 4. (currently amended) The article of claim 3 1, wherein each of said first and second side edges has a concave portion therein positioned between said front and back edges, a front portion being defined between said concave portions and said front edge and a rear portion being defined between said concave portions and said back edge.

15 5. (original) The article of claim 4, wherein said third strap extends into said front edge and outwardly through said first side edge adjacent to said front edge, said third strap extending into said first side edge of said front portion such that a first loop is formed, said third strap extending along said concave portion of said first side edge and outwardly of said first side edge of said rear portion, said third strap extending through  
20 said first loop and into said first side edge adjacent to said rear edge, said third strap extending along said rear edge and outwardly through said second side edge adjacent to said rear edge, said third strap extending into said rear portion of said second side edge and along said concave portion of said second side edge such that a second loop is formed, said third strap extending outwardly of said front portion of said second side  
25 edge and through said second loop, said third strap extending into said second side edge adjacent to said front edge, said third strap extending outwardly of said front edge such that said first and second ends of said third strap extend away from said front edge, wherein said leg openings are positioned between said first and second loops and said first and second side edges.

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8. (original) A bikini bottom comprising:

5 a panel having a front edge, a back edge, a first side edge and a second side edge,  
each of the first and second side edges has a concave portion therein  
positioned between the front and back edges, a front portion being defined  
between the concave portions and the front edge, a rear portion being  
defined between the concave portions and the back edge;

10 a strap being elongated and having a first end and a second end, the first end of  
the strap extends into the front edge and outwardly through the first side  
edge adjacent to the front edge, the strap then extending into the first side  
edge of the front portion such that a first loop is formed, the strap then  
extending along the concave portion of the first side edge and outwardly  
of the first side edge of the rear portion, the strap then extending through  
the first loop and into the first side edge adjacent to the rear edge, the strap  
then extending along the rear edge and outwardly through the second side  
15 edge adjacent to the rear edge, the strap then extending into the rear  
portion of the second side edge and along the concave portion of the  
second side edge such that a second loop is formed, the strap then  
extending outwardly of the front portion of the second side edge and  
through the second loop and then into the second side edge adjacent to the  
20 front edge, the strap then extending outwardly of the front edge such that  
the first and second ends of the strap each extends away from the front  
edge.

9. (new) An article of clothing combination comprising:

25 a bikini top including;

a first panel and a second panel;

a first strap being elongated and having a first end and a second end, said  
first strap extending through said first panel;

30 a second strap being elongated and having a first end and a second end,  
said second strap extending through said second panel, said first  
and second straps being looped together such that said first panel is

attached to said second panel, said first and second straps forming arm openings;

a bikini bottom including;

5 a third panel having a front edge, a back edge, a first side edge and a second side edge, each of said first and second side edges having a concave portion therein positioned between said front and back edges, a front portion being defined between said concave portions and said front edge and a rear portion being defined between said concave portions and said back edge; and

10 a third strap being elongated and having a first end and a second end, said third strap extending into said front and back edges so that leg openings are formed between said third strap and each of said first and second side edges, said third strap extending into said front edge and outwardly through said first side edge adjacent to said front edge, said third strap extending into said first side edge of  
15 said front portion such that a first loop is formed, said third strap extending along said concave portion of said first side edge and outwardly of said first side edge of said rear portion, said third strap extending through said first loop and into said first side edge adjacent to said rear edge, said third strap extending along said rear edge and outwardly through said second side edge adjacent to said rear edge, said third strap extending into said rear portion of said second side edge and along said concave portion of said second side edge such that a second loop is formed, said third strap  
20 extending outwardly of said front portion of said second side edge and through said second loop, said third strap extending into said second side edge adjacent to said front edge, said third strap extending outwardly of said front edge such that said first and second ends of said third strap extend away from said front edge,  
25 wherein said leg openings are positioned between said first and second loops and said first and second side edges.  
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